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THE MONSTERS

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ARE DEAD, SLAIN BY
GODZILLA-- KING
OF ALL MONSTERS.

LONG LIVE
THE KING--

--DESPITE THE
SIGNS OF DEATH
EVERYWHERE!

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AND YET, THERE ARE OTHER SIGNS OF LIFE IN THIS SWEEPING MESA REGION: TWO COWPOKES NAMED HAL WELLMAN AND LEFTY WALSH...

STILL NOT A CLUE,
LEFTY--ANOTHER 26 HEAD
OF CATTLE GONE, AND YOU'D
SWEAR THEY DISAPPEARED
INTO THIN AIR...

RUSTLIN'S AS
OLD AS COWPOKIN'
HAL--RUSTLERS'RE JUST
CHARTER THESE
DAYS.

SAY, I THOUGHT I JUST HEARD
SOMETHING, LEFTY--SOUNDED LIKE
IT CAME FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF
THE ARROYO UP AHEAD...

YEAH,
ME
TOO...

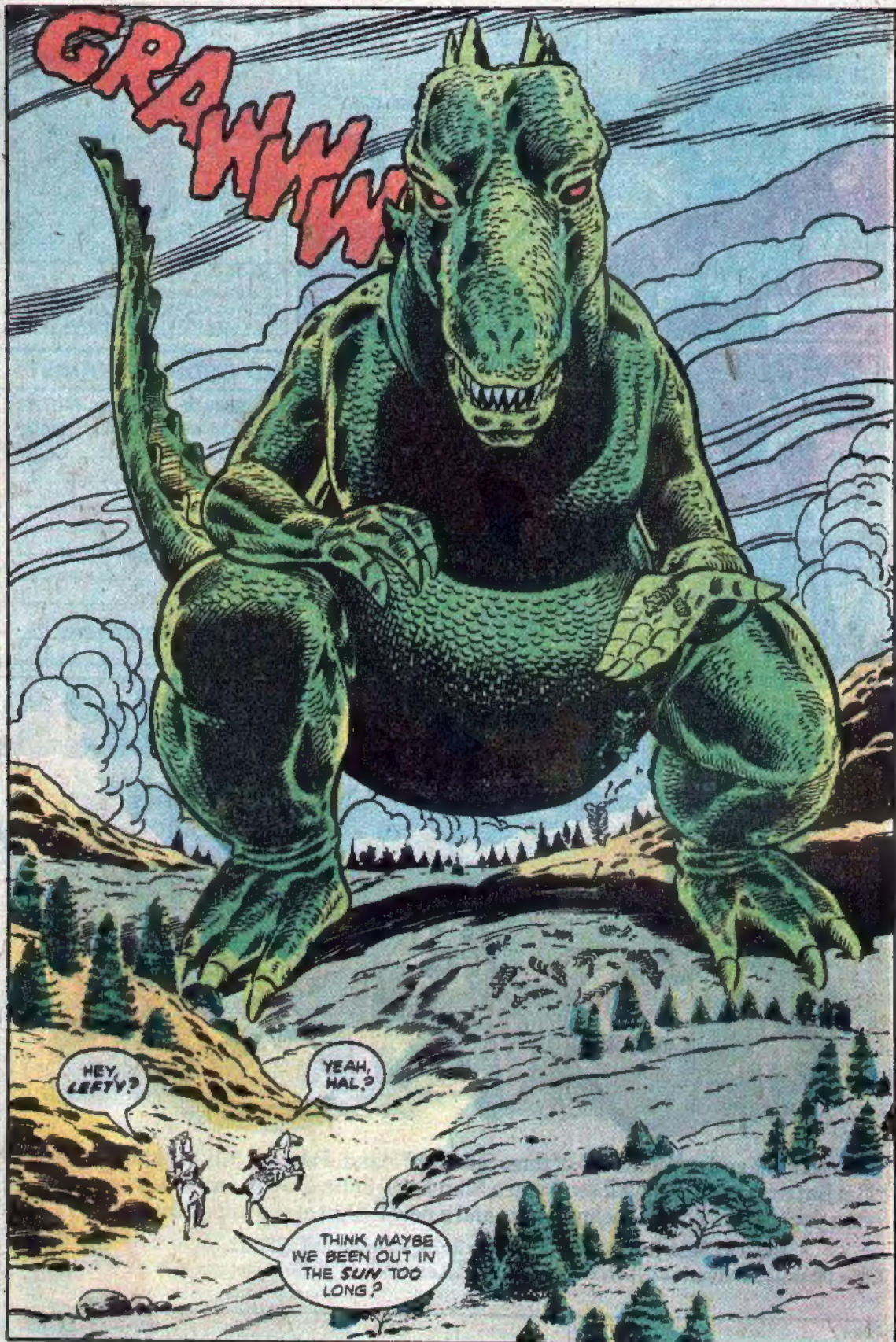
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ON!

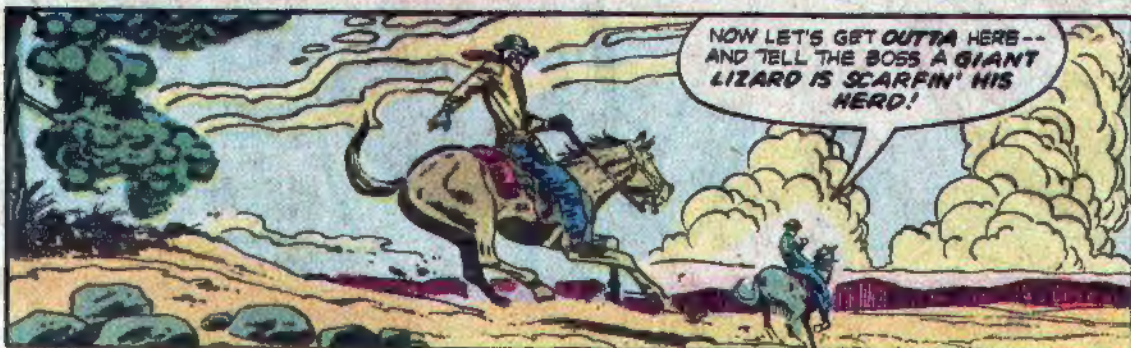
FASTEST WAY IS
TO RIDE RIGHT UP
THE DRIED RIVER-
BED...

...AND MAYBE
WE'LL CATCH
THE CORNED
RUSTLERS
IN THE--

M R A W W

--ACT.





SALT LAKE CITY...

WELL, I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR
US SHIELD MONCHOS TO BE
MOVIN' ON--

--YOU AN' YOUR
NATIONAL GUARD
BOYS CAN HANDLE
THE CLEANUP.

BUT WHAT ABOUT
RED RONIN? YOU
CAN'T JUST THROW
HIM AWAY...

EASY, ROB--WE'LL GET
RONIN INTO TONY STARK'S
FACTORY AND REPAIR HIM
IN NO TIME.

IS THAT TRUE,
MR. DUGAN? WILL
YOU? WILL YOU FIX
RED RONIN?

CAN'T LEAVE THE BLASTED
THING JUST LYIN' THERE
ANYWAY. WE'LL SEND A
CREW TO HAUL IT AWAY.

SO YOU TELL YER
BOYS TO LEAVE THE
ROBOT ALONE,
HUH?

YES,
SIR.

HUH? OH--
YEAH, I S'POSE
SO, KID...

RIGHT NOW, I JUST
WANNA GET BACK TO THE
HELI-CARRIER
BEHEMOTH AN' GET
SOME REST.

ME AN' JONES'LL
MEET UP WITH THE
REST OF YA THERE.

WONDER IF
HOWARD'S GREASE
MONKEYS HAVE GOT
THE BLASTED HELI-
CARRIER FIXED
YET?

EVEN IF THEY HAVEN'T,
DUM DUM, AT LEAST THE
BUNKS WEREN'T DAMAGED.

THEY'VE GOT
TO FIX RED RONIN,
TAMARA--THEY'VE
JUST GOT TO...

MEANWHILE, AT THE RANCH OWNED BY JOHN HAWKS...

WHAT WAS THE BIG RUSH WITH LEFTY AND HAL?

WHO KNOWS? SAID THEY HADDA TALK TO THE BOSS...

YEAH, BUT IF YOU ASK ME, THEY'VE GONE PLUMB CRAZY, JABBERIN' SOMETHIN' ABOUT HOW IT AIN'T A RUSTLER--

-- IT'S AN EATER, MR. HAWKS! I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT YOU GOTTA BELIEVE US!

I BELIEVE YOU, HAL-- IT MUST BE THIS GODZILLA THING.

YOU MEAN IT'S GOT A NAME?

YEAH, 'CEPT I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT. GOT A STORY IN THE PAPER ABOUT HIM ATTACKIN' SALT LAKE CITY, BUT YOU KNOW HOW YOU CAN'T BELIEVE NOTHIN' IN THE LOUSY PAPERS.

WELL, WE JUST BECAME BELIEVERS, MR. HAWKS-- WE SAW THE THING!

YEAH, AN' HE WAS BIGGER'N TEN BUNKHOUSES, MR. HAWKS-- I THINK WE BETTER GO TO THE AUTHORITIES BEFORE HE GOBBLES UP THE WHOLE BLAMED HERD FOR A SNACK.

NO! WHY DON'T WE GET THE BIG GILA MONSTER OURSELVES?

WHAT? ARE YOU CRAZY, LEFTY? BRING DOWN THIS GODZILLA?

SURE-- EVERY HAND IN THE TERRITORY'S ALWAYS CLAIMIN' HE CAN ROPE ANYTHING THAT MOVES. THIS THING MAY BE BIG, BUT HE STILL MOVES-- WE'LL JUST USE MORE ROPES.

MAYBE WE CAN EVEN CLAIM A REWARD-- OR LEASTWAYS SHOW THE CLUMSY CITY DUDES HOW TO HANDLE A MONSTER.

I DON'T LIKE IT, MR. HAWKS.

WELL, I THINK I DO LIKE IT, BY GUM! MIGHT GIVE US SOME EXCITEMENT AROUND HERE FOR A CHANGE.



SURE THING, MR. HAWKS.

LEFTY, YOU TAKE THE JEEP AND GO TELL THE OTHER RANCHERS WHAT WE GOT COOKIN'.

HAL, YOU TAKE THE REST OF THE BOYS BACK OUT ON THE RANGE--

--AND MAKE SURE YOU GUARD THAT HERD GOOD TONIGHT.

OKAY, MR. HAWKS, IF YOU SAY SO.

MAYBE WE CAN EVEN MAKE A COMPETITION OUT OF THIS LEFTY-- PUT SOME SIDE BETS ON WHOSE RANCH BRINGS DOWN OLD GODZILLA FIRST.

SURE THING, MR. HAWKS.

AND SO, AS LEFTY WALSH DEPARTS ON HIS APPOINTED ROUNDS--

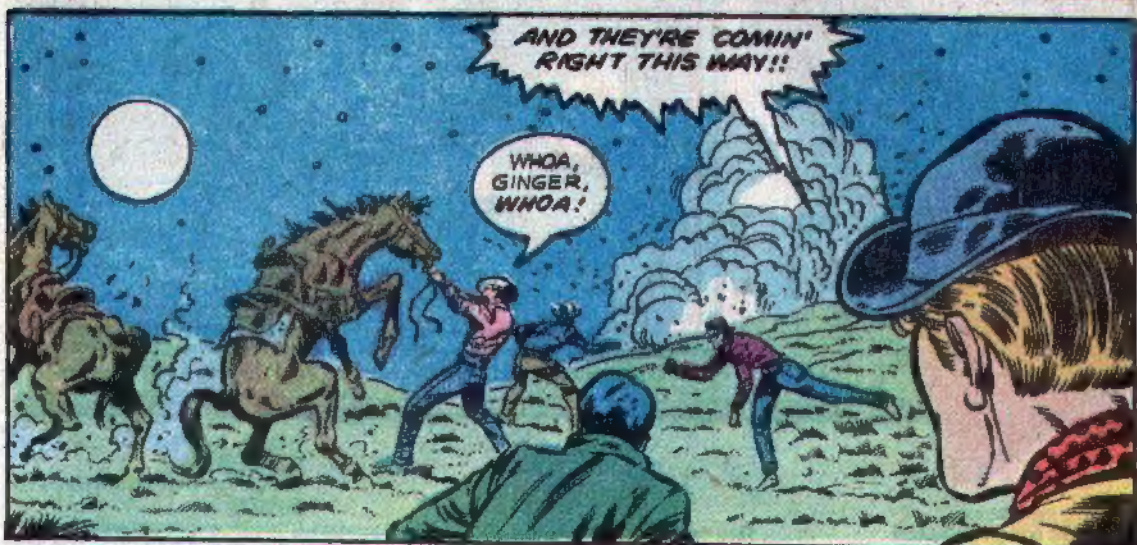
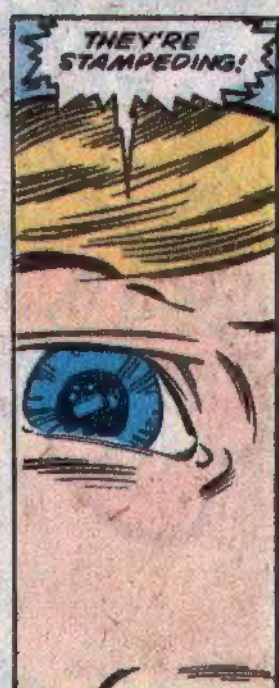
--HAL WELLMAN AND THE REST OF THE HANDS GATHER ALL THE NECESSARY GEAR TO BUNK DOWN UNDER THE STARS...

A GIANT GILA MONSTER, HUH, HAL?

I THOUGHT LOCO WEED WENT OUT WITH ALL THEM HOLLYWOOD MOVIES.

NAW, YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG, JAKE. MAYBE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IS THAT YOUNG HAL STEPPED INTO ONE OF THEM STAR-TREK TIME WARPERS--

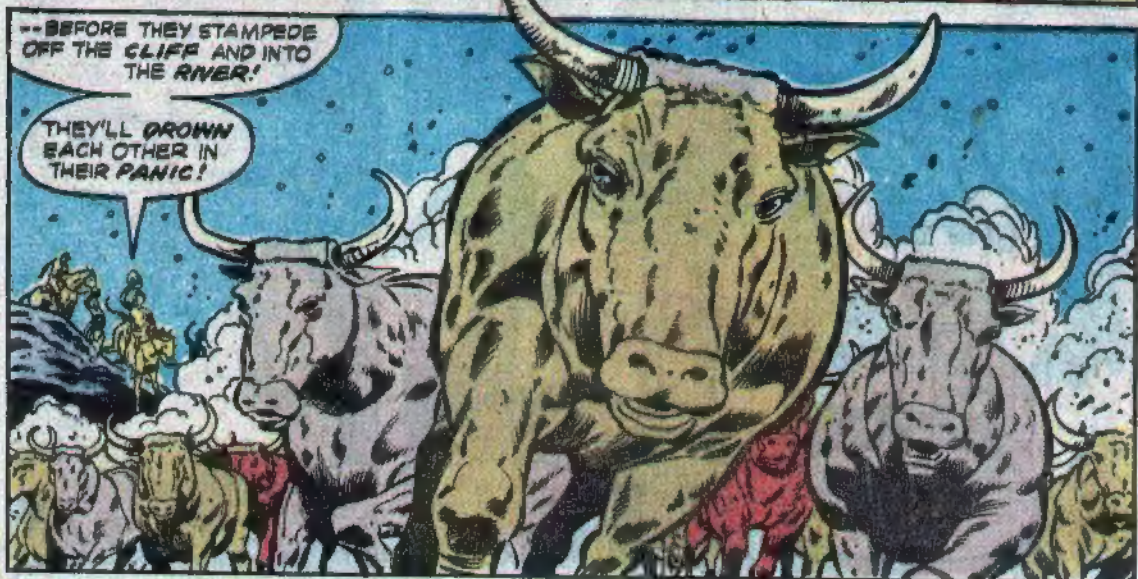
--AND SAW HIMSELF A REAL DINAH-SHORE!





HIT THE
SADDLES--
FAST!

WE'VE
GOTTA
CUT 'EM
OFF--



--BEFORE THEY STAMPEDE
OFF THE CLIFF AND INTO
THE RIVER!

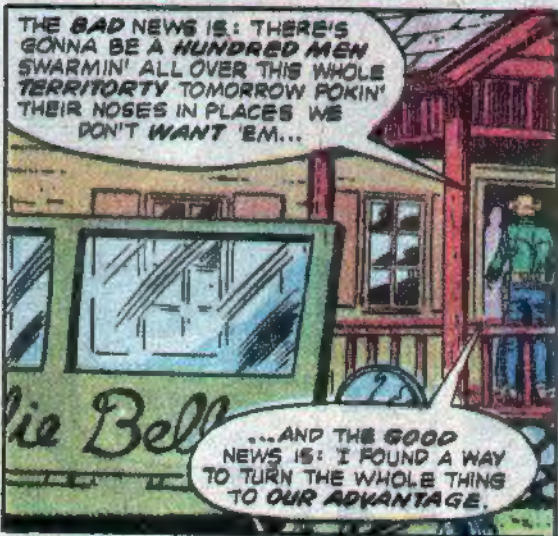
THEY'LL DROWN
EACH OTHER IN
THEIR PANIC!



MEANWHILE,
TEN MILES TO
THE WEST, AT
THE BILL FORD
RANCH...

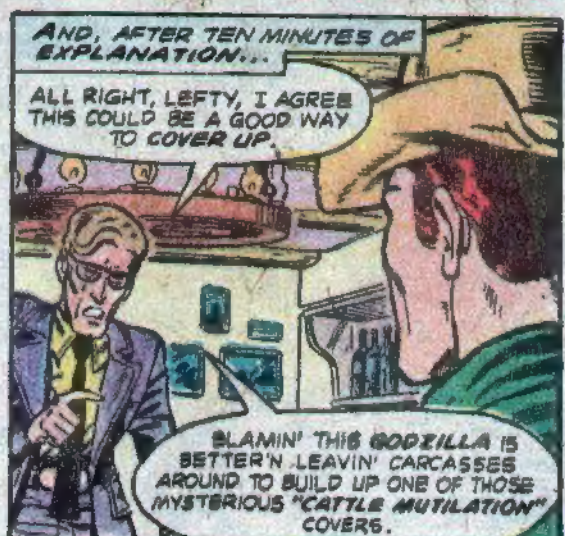
WHAT'RE YOU
DOIN' HERE,
LEFTY?

GOT GOOD NEWS
AND BAD NEWS,
FORD...



THE BAD NEWS IS: THERE'S
GONNA BE A HUNDRED MEN
SWARMIN' ALL OVER THIS WHOLE
TERRITORY TOMORROW MORNIN'
THEIR NOSES IN PLACES WE
DON'T WANT 'EM...

...AND THE GOOD
NEWS IS: I FOUND A WAY
TO TURN THE WHOLE THING
TO OUR ADVANTAGE.



AND, AFTER TEN MINUTES OF
EXPLANATION...

ALL RIGHT, LEFTY, I AGREE
THIS COULD BE A GOOD WAY
TO COVER UP.

BLAMIN' THIS GODZILLA IS
BETTER'N LEAVIN' CARCASSES
AROUND TO BUILD UP ONE OF THOSE
MYSTERIOUS "CATTLE MUTILATION"
COVERS.

BUT REMEMBER, IT'LL BE YOUR JOB TO KEEP THIS "LIZARD ROUNDUP" AWAY FROM THE HIGH GROUND OVER BOX CANYON.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, FORD -- I'VE KEPT EVERYONE AWAY UP TO NOW.

AND THAT'S WHY I SUGGESTED THE GODZILLA ROUNDUP TO HAWKS...

...KNOWIN' I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THE AUTHORITIES AWAY IF THEY STARTED POKIN' AROUND.

NOW I'D BETTER HIT THE JEEP...

STILL GOT THREE MORE RANCHES TO ALERT TONIGHT.

ALL RIGHT, LEFTY, BUT JUST DON'T YOU FORGET -- IF THEY FIND THE HIDDEN CATTLE WE RUSTLED, THEY'RE LIABLE TO STRIKE US BOTH UP!

AND BACK ON THE NIGHTED PLAIN...

KEEP FIRIN' SHOTS TO TURN 'EM ASIDE!

WE'VE ALREADY FIRED A DOZEN ROUNDS EACH-- WE'RE ALMOST OUTTA BULLETS, AND THEY'VE HARDLY SWERVED THEIR COURSE AT ALL!

WHAT IN BLAZES COULD SPOOK TWO-HUNDRED TONS OF BEEF MORE THAN GUNFIRE?!

DON'T LOOK NOW, BOYS, BUT I THINK WE GOT OUR ANSWER RIGHT BEHIND US...

...ALTHOUGH I'D APPRECIATE IT IF SOMEONE COULD TELL ME IT'S JUST A FEWER-PRAGM!

MR AWWWWWW



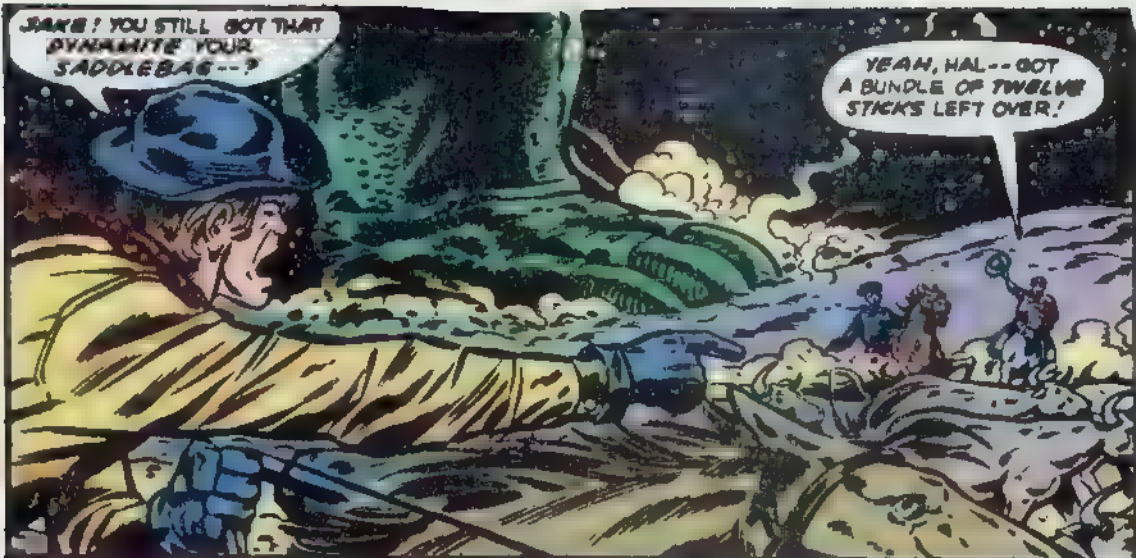
AWAKENED BY
THE COOL OF
NIGHTFALL, GODZILLA
HAD MERELY WANTED
TO ARISE ON. BUT
HE HAD COME UPON
A VAST SEA OF
THESE LITTLE HORRED
THINGS, AND THEY
HAD BEGUN TO MOAN
AND BAWL AND
SCREAM...

THEN THEY HAD BEGUN
MILLING AROUND HIS
FEET, STANDING THE
GROUND, GRASPING AND
EACH OTHER, PERHAPS
TRYING TO ATTACK HIM...

AND THAT'S WHEN
GODZILLA HAD GOTTEN
VERY TIRED OF
ATTACKS BY SMALL
THINGS.

IF THAT'S A FEVER-
DREAM... PASS THE
THERMOMETER AN' WAKE
ME UP!

FAST!



JAKE! YOU STILL GOT THAT DYNAMITE YOUR SADDLEBAG--?

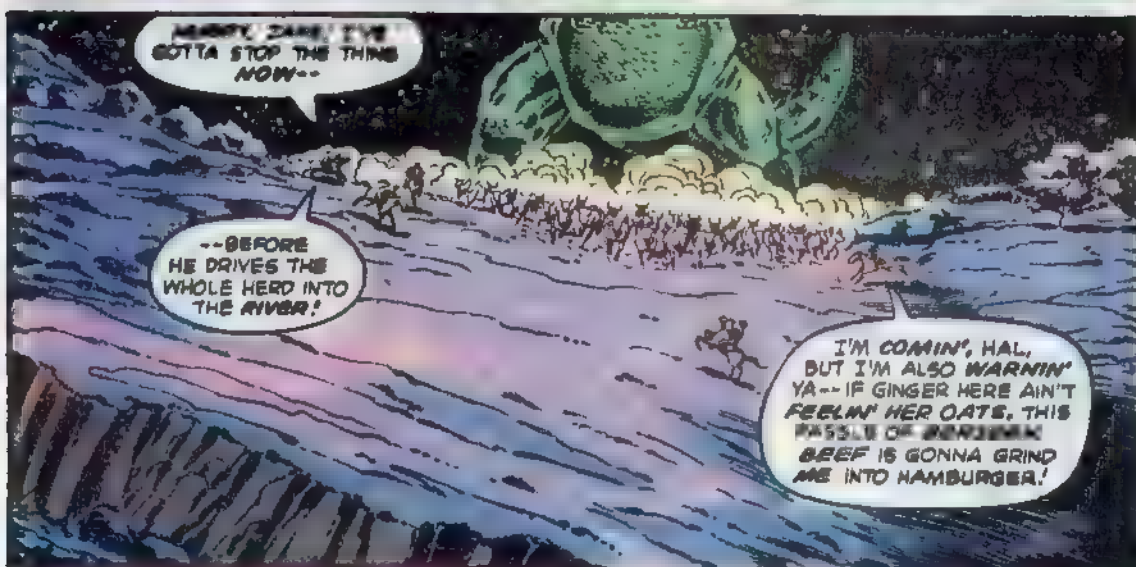
YEAH, HAL-- GOT A BUNDLE OF TWELVE STICKS LEFT OVER!



THEN CUT IN FRONT OF THE HERD AND BRING IT TO ME, PARTNER--



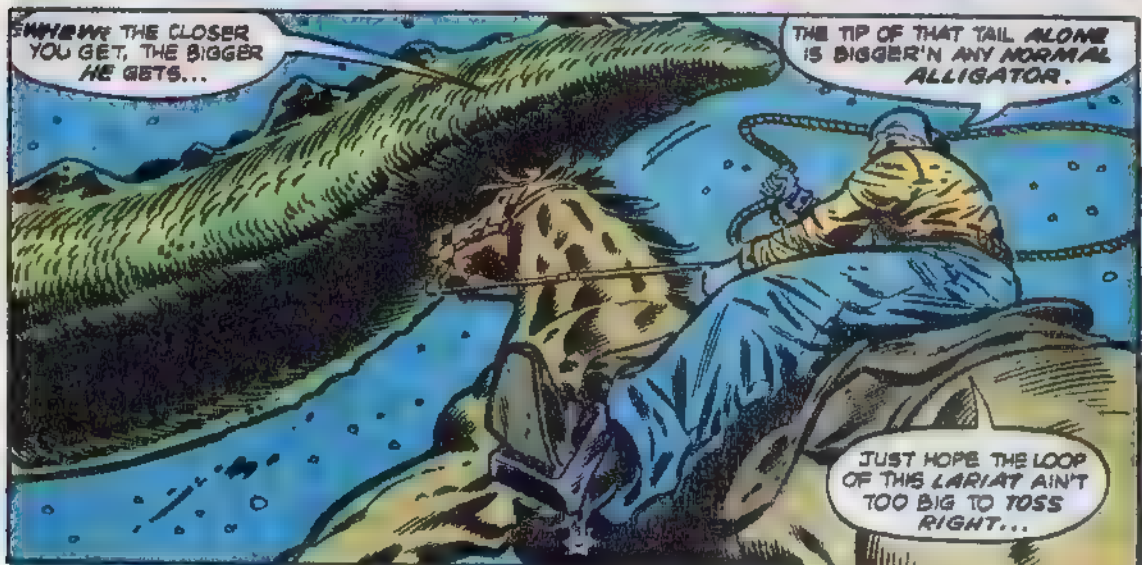
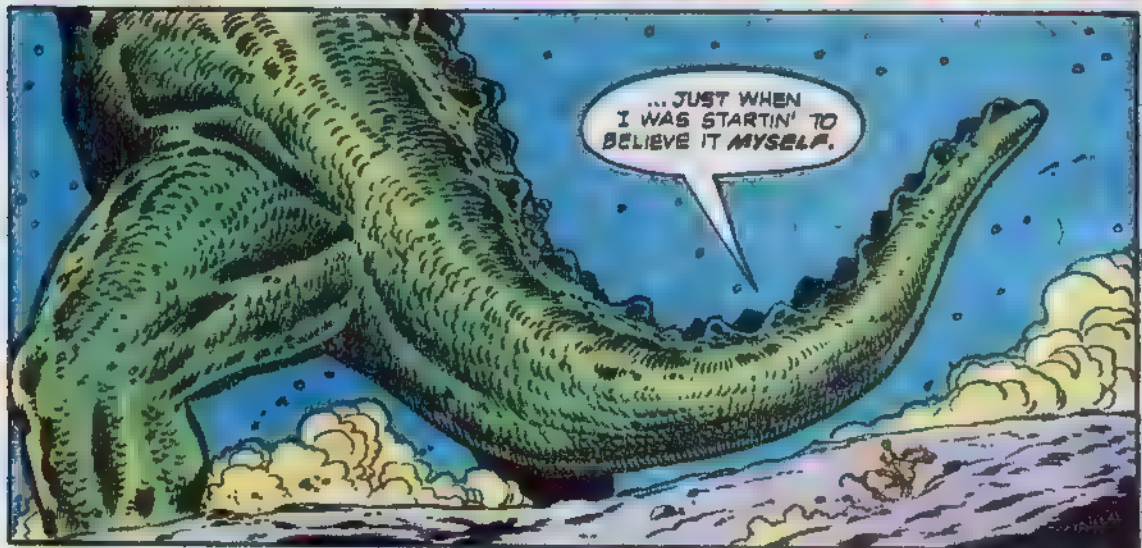
--BEFORE I PLUMB TURN TO STONE AND CHANGE MY MIND!

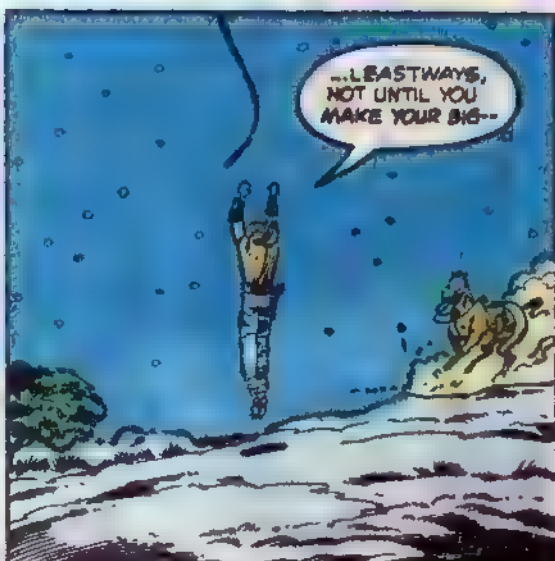
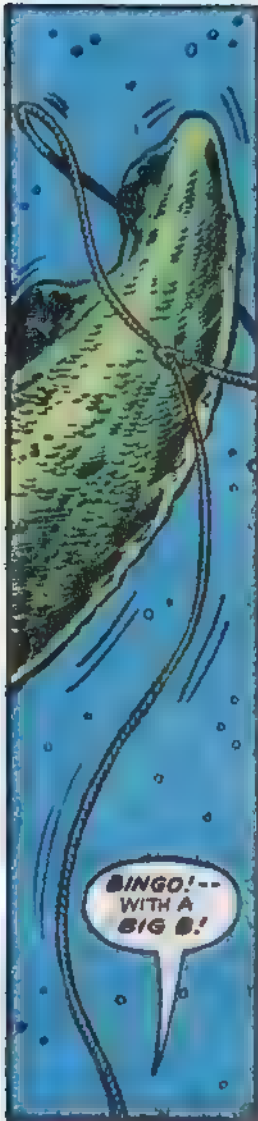


HEEDY, JAKE, I'VE GOTTA STOP THE THING NOW--

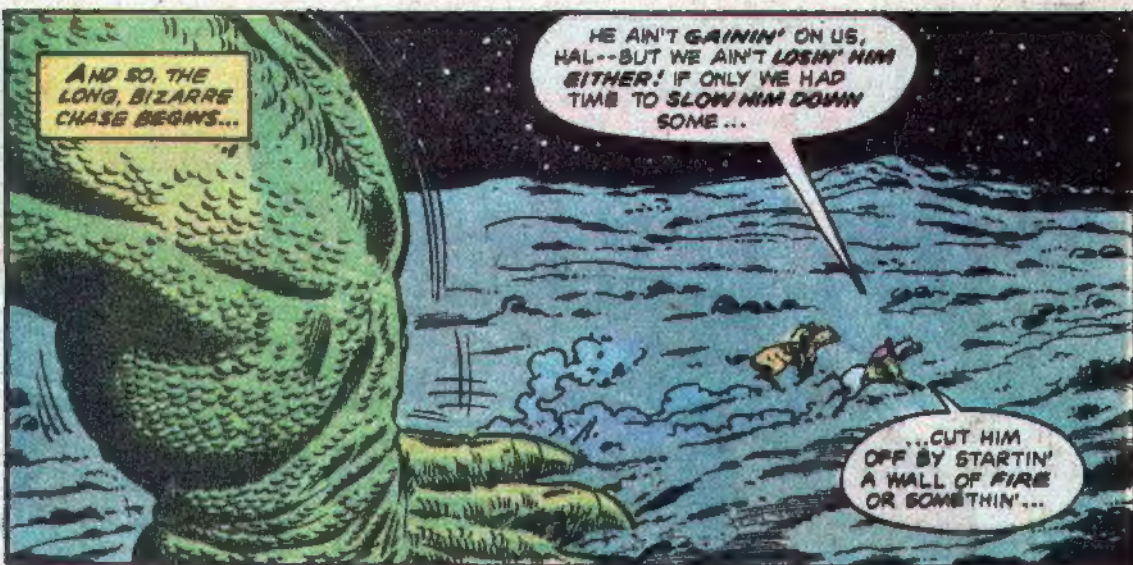
--BEFORE HE DRIVES THE WHOLE HERD INTO THE RIVER!

I'M COMIN', HAL, BUT I'M ALSO WARNIN' YA-- IF GINGER HERE AIN'T FEELIN' HER OATS, THIS PASTLE OF BEEF IS GONNA GRIND ME INTO HAMBURGER!









AND SO, THE
LONG, BIZARRE
CHASE BEGINS...

HE AIN'T GAININ' ON US,
HAL--BUT WE AIN'T LOSIN' HIM
EITHER! IF ONLY WE HAD
TIME TO SLOW HIM DOWN
SOME...

...CUT HIM
OFF BY STARTIN'
A WALL OF FIRE
OR SOMETHIN'...



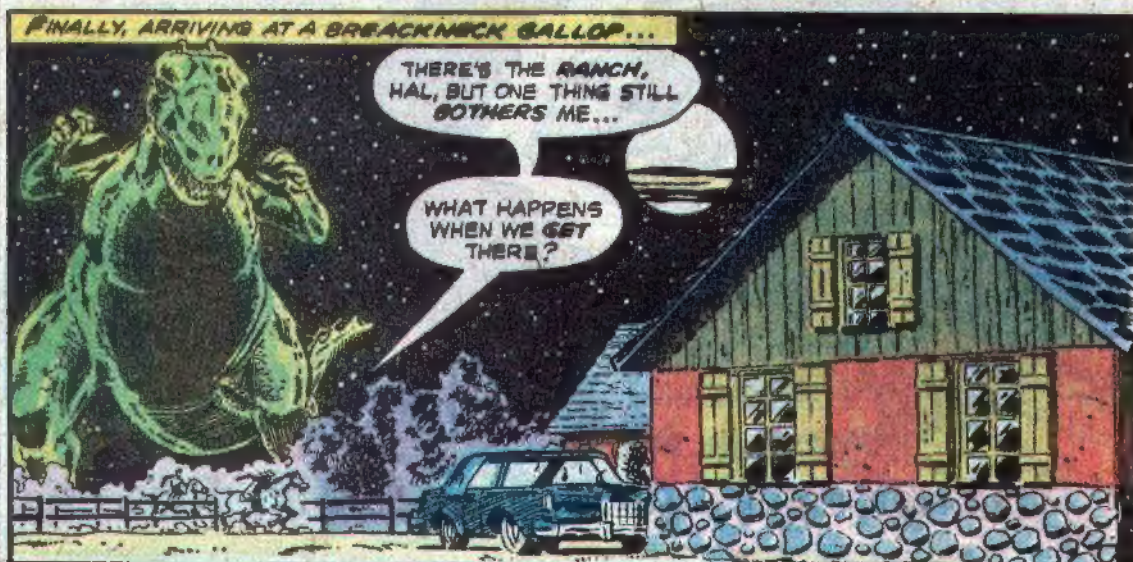
HRAHHH



SO MUCH
FOR THAT
IDEA, JAKE.

YEAH--THAT
MONSTER AIN'T
HUMAN!

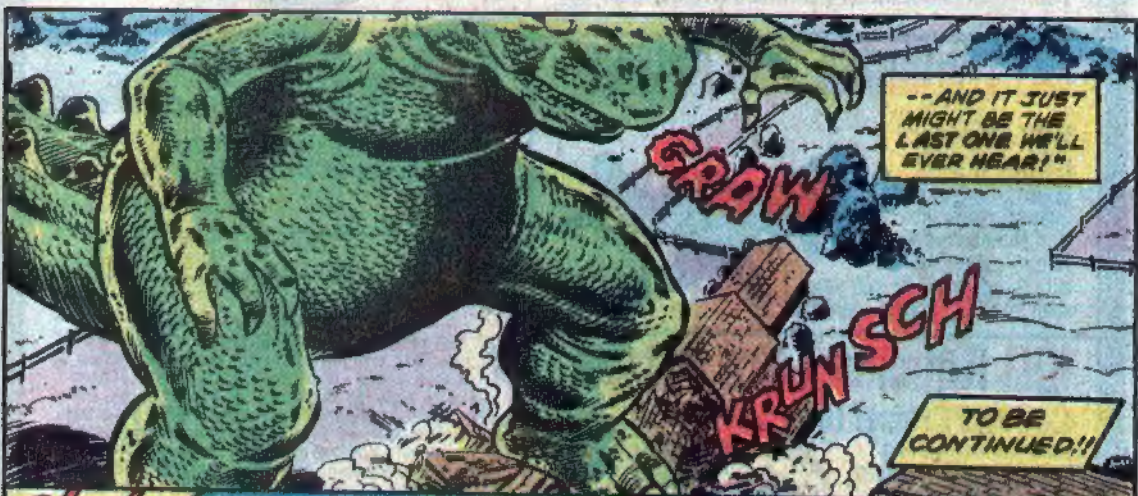
WISH YOU
HADN'T MADE
HIM SO MAD.



FINALLY, ARRIVING AT A BREAKNECK GALLOP...

THERE'S THE RANCH,
HAL, BUT ONE THING STILL
BOthers ME...

WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN WE GET
THERE?



**NEXT
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ROUNDUP!**
THE SPECTACULAR
CONCLUSION
CALLED--

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Dear Doug,

When I first saw the GODZILLA comic on the stands, I laughed. Now I'm sorry I passed the first nine issues by. You see, because my eye was attracted by the cover, I finally bought issue #10. It's fantastic! And I have now added it to my monthly lineup of 35 cent donations to Marvel — and it's well worth every penny! Herb's art is terrific, and I'm glad he'll be old Firebreath's regular artist. Dum Dum Dugan is at his very best here in GODZILLA, and I hope you'll continue writing this book for a good long time, because I know you can come up with a good Hulk Vs. Godzilla story, Doug. Keep up the good work!

Ray Dwyer
56 Berrymore Blvd.
Franklin Square, NY 11010

Sgt. Here we go with the Hulk Vs. Godzillas requests again. Ah well, we suppose it was inevitable from the very beginning. And one of these issues, People, who knows...?

But whadda you mean you laughed? You got a warped sense of humor, Ray, or what? Huh? Whatsmatter with you, boy? Laughing at Godzillas! Sheesh.

Dear Green Machine,

GODZILLA is a fine change of pace, and a nice break from super-heroes. Doug handles the strip perfectly. Keeping Dum Dum Dugan and crew around is a great idea, providing GODZILLA with the large supporting cast which is important in comics these days. Red Ronin is extremely interesting, and I'm hoping he returns soon.

One thing — I'd think this is the hardest book for Doug to write since there isn't much you can do with an overgrown lizard, and I must admit I expected the Big G to break the original CRAZY's record for fastest cancellation. Yet you've managed to come through with the proverbial flying colors. Herb, what can I say? Nobody, but nobody, can draw big green things like you — and I've never seen a better drawn version of Dum Dum Dugan.

Every issue of GODZILLA surpasses the last. Keep 'em flying, boys.

Peter Bruno
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Thanks, Pete... but what's the story here? Why does everybody and his grandmother approach this book with the pre-conceived notion that Godzie is so blasted riproaringly hilarious and/or prone to flopola failure? GODZILLA is a serious effort. People, sure to be hailed as a benchmark mark in the evolving maturity and sociological significance of the panelological graphic story medium. And furthermore, ole Godz is makin' Big Bucks. Yes, indeedy — Tokyo, Seattle, and Las Vegas aside, GODZILLA is a smashing sensation in more ways than one. (And just to ice the indignant cake, Doug says it's the easiest one to write. So there!)

Dear Marvel,

My reactions to the first ten issues of GODZILLA...

#1: Fantastic! Not only was I overjoyed to see my hero so easily smash the SHIELD laser-cannon, but I was glad to see certain characters (like Rob) feeling sympathy and respect for the Big G. (And I immediately wished I could draw as well as Herb Trimpe!)

#2: Great! I loved the way Godzilla put the squeeze on Dum Dum (page 17, panel 1) and the way Gabe expressed sympathy for the King.

#3: Terrific! I wasn't sure whether or not you'd let Godzilla demolish the Golden Gate Bridge, but you definitely made the right choice! The Champions and SHIELD hated each other so much that Godzilla could have sat down and watched the fight.

#4: Stunning! This issue proved that once you've enraged Godzilla, you won't ever get away! (Tom Sutton's art is as good as Herb's!)

#5: Smashing! Perhaps the best one yet! I was glad to see Godzilla save Dum Dum's life, proving he's not evil.

#6: Amazing! And perhaps the best part was when Godzilla so easily smashed the "Indestructible" cage.

#7: Excellent! Red Ronin is a great new character!

#8: Incredible! And it was a great touch of humor to have Red Ronin constantly attacking the SHIELD Helicarrier.

#9: Exciting! The best and most meaningful plot yet. Gambling will never be the same!

#10: Impressive! Now that Godzilla knows what a fist is, thanks to Yetrigar, do you think he'll start using it?

And finally, in case I haven't mentioned it before, Doug Moench is the greatest writer ever!

Troy "Godzilla Lover" Guinn
Kington Springs, TN

Now this is more like it! Great! Terrific! Fabulous! Troy, you are obviously a discriminating reader of classy taste! And one who recognized a good thing from the very beginning!

But you and all the other Godzilla Groupies out there ain't seen nothin' yet, Troy! If you thought our past issues were fantastic, great, terrific, stunning, smashing, amazing, excellent, incredible, exciting, and impressive... well now, how should we put it? Hmm... let's just say they'll also be fantastic, great, terrific, stunning, smashing, amazing, excellent, incredible, exciting, and impressive! And not only that, but they'll also be just about as zany as every jabber that ever jabbered! Just you wait and see!

So, until then, be good!

